

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A snap-together poster frame ~~system~~, comprising:
a plurality of edge supports, each comprising a plurality of segments
having a slotted, channel-shaped cross-sectional profile to define ~~an~~ a single opening
for receiving an edge of a poster board, said segments comprising a top wall, a bottom
wall and a sidewall joining said top and bottom walls, said ~~profile~~ edge supports being
resilient and said sidewall including a generally L-shaped instep by which it is joined to
said bottom wall having three flex points which allows said opening to adjust to the
width of the posterboard inserted therein, thereby retaining the edge of the poster board
via an interference fit, said top wall and said bottom wall each having a front and rear
end and said sidewall joining said rear ends of said front and bottom walls, said front
ends defining the mouth of said single opening and wherein said front end of said top
wall and said bottom wall cooperate to resiliently grasp a poster board inserted
therebetween.

2. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame ~~system~~ according to
Claim 1, wherein said profile of said plurality of segments includes a ~~centrally-located~~
~~forward ridge~~ step which is defined at least in part by a leg of said L-shaped instep
joined to said bottom wall.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame ~~system~~ according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of segments are linear.

5. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame ~~system~~ according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~plurality of segments include~~ front end of said top wall includes an over-hang and a said bottom wall is substantially flat ~~base~~.

6. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame ~~system~~ according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~plurality of segments include an over-hang and a base having~~ bottom wall of each of said edge supports has a shape which is generally a mirror-image of said top wall and side wall ~~said overhang~~.

7. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame ~~system~~ according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one corner connector for connecting adjacent ends of said ~~plurality of segments~~ edge supports to one another.

8. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame ~~system~~ according to Claim 4 7, wherein said corner connector is made of a resilient material and having a ~~substantially arcuate~~ shape of slightly greater dimension than ~~an outer shape of said~~ edge supports ~~plurality of segments~~, said corner connector each having sufficient resiliency so that if each is capable of snapping over and securely grabbing ~~the outer shape of two segments of said plurality of segments~~ an adjacent end of two edge supports.

9. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame ~~system~~ according to Claim 8, wherein said frame system includes four segments of said ~~plurality of segments~~ edge supports and four of said corner connectors.

10. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame ~~system~~ according to Claim 8, wherein said resilient material is a flexible plastic material.

11. (Amended). The snap-together poster frame according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one additional said snap-together poster frame and one hinge connector for connecting ~~corners~~ a corner of two one of said snap-together poster frames to a corner of another of said snap-together poster frames.

12. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame according to Claim 11, wherein said hinge connector is comprised of two corner connectors, each of said corner connectors being made of a resilient material and having a ~~substantially arcuate~~ shape of slightly greater dimension than ~~an outer shape of said plurality of segments~~ edge supports, said corner connectors each having sufficient resiliency so that ~~it~~ each is capable of snapping over and securely grabbing ~~the outer shape of two segments of said plurality of segments~~ an adjacent end of two edge supports, said hinge connector further including a flexible attachment between said two corner connectors.

13. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame ~~system~~ according to Claim 12, wherein said resilient material is a flexible plastic material.

14. (Amended). The snap-together poster frame according to Claim 4 ~~11~~, further comprising at least one end connector for connecting ~~corners~~ a corner of ~~two~~ one of said snap-together poster frames to a corner of another of said snap-together poster frames.

15. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame according to Claim 14, wherein said end connector is comprised of two linear segments in-line with one another, each of said linear segments being made of a resilient material and having a ~~substantially arcuate~~ shape of slightly greater dimension than ~~an outer shape of said plurality of segments~~ edge supports, said linear segments each having sufficient resiliency so that it each is capable of snapping over and securely grabbing ~~the outer shape of two segments of said plurality of segments~~ an adjacent end of two edge supports, said end connector further including a flexible attachment between said two linear segments.

16. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame ~~system~~ according to Claim 15, wherein said resilient material is a flexible plastic material.

17. (Withdrawn and Amended) The snap-together poster frame according to Claim 4 ~~11~~, further comprising at least one joiner hinge for connecting a mid-point of ~~two sides~~ a side of one of said snap-together poster frames to a side of another of said snap-together poster frames.

18. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame according to Claim 17, wherein said joiner hinge is comprised of two linear segments parallel with one another, each of said linear segments being made of a resilient material and having a ~~substantially arcuate~~ shape of slightly greater dimension than ~~an outer shape of said plurality of segments~~ edge supports, said linear segments each having sufficient resiliency so that it each is capable of snapping over and securely grabbing ~~the outer shape of two segments of said plurality of segments~~ an adjacent end of two edge supports, said joiner hinge further including a flexible attachment between said two linear segments.

19. (Amended) The snap-together poster frame ~~system~~ according to Claim 18, wherein said resilient material is a flexible plastic material.

20. (Withdrawn) A hinge connector for a snap-together poster frame system comprising:

at least two-snap on connectors which are releasably connectable to separate frame systems; and a living hinge connecting said two snap-on connectors to, in turn, connect said separate frame systems together at a predetermined angle.

21. (New) A snap-together poster frame system comprising:

at least two snap-together poster frames each comprising a plurality of segments having a slotted, channel-shaped cross-sectional profile to define a single opening for receiving an edge of a poster board, said segments each comprising a top wall, a bottom wall and a sidewall joining said topwall and bottom walls, said segments

being resilient and said sidewall including a generally L-shaped instep having three flex points which allows said opening to adjust to the width of the poster board inserted therein, thereby retaining the edge of the poster board via an interference fit, said systems further comprising at least one hinge connector for connecting a corner of one of said snap-together poster frames to a corner of another of said snap-together poster frames, said top wall and said bottom wall each having a front and rear end and said sidewall joining said rear ends of said front and bottom walls, said front ends defining the mouth of said single opening and wherein said front end of said top wall and said bottom wall cooperate to resiliently grasp a poster board inserted therebetween.

22. (New and Withdrawn) A snap-together poster frame system, comprising:

at least two snap-together poster frames, each having a plurality of segments having a slotted, channel-shaped cross-sectional profile to define a single opening for receiving an edge of a poster board, said segments each comprising a top wall, a bottom wall and a side wall joining said top and bottom walls, said segments and including a generally L-shaped instep having three flex points which allows said opening to adjust to the width of the poster board inserted therein, thereby retaining the edge of the poster board via an interference fit, said system further comprising at least one joiner hinge for connecting a mid-point of a side of one of said snap-together poster frames to a side of another of said snap-together poster frames, said top wall and said bottom wall each having a front and rear end and

said sidewall joining said rear ends of said front and bottom walls, said front ends defining the mouth of said single opening and wherein said front end of said top wall and said bottom wall cooperate to resiliently grasp a poster board inserted therebetween.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the five sheets of formal drawings enclosed herewith for the informal drawings of record.